Compensation for fishermen loosing fishing craft and equipments

466. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to compensate the fishermen who have lost their fishing crafts and equipments;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that these vessels are owned by the bosses/businessmen of these fishermen;

(c) if so, whether the compensation would eventually find its way to shadow owners and not to these poor fishermen; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to assist the real victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government has announced special package for providing financial assistance under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and The Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for people affected by Tsunami in the States/UTs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

GDP target for agriculture

467. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether target for contribution of agriculture sector in gross domestic product was set during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is **a** fact that the contribution of agriculture sector in gross domestic product has been assessed to be only 20.53 per cent during 2004-05;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.